

# Fire Information – Elbow Pass Complex

August 18, 2012 10:00 AM

Incident Team: Lewis & Clark Forest Type 3 IMT

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Cost to Date: \$3,445,773

Acres: 18,906

Containment: 0%

Personnel 41

The Elbow Pass Complex is comprised of five different lightning ignitions from July 12 through July 31. These four fires have merged into one fire, the Elbow Pass Complex: Triple Divide Fire, Rapid Creek Fire, Elbow Pass Fire, and Bar Creek Fire. The fires are generally located 25 miles west southwest of Augusta, Montana. The Falls Point fire is south of the Complex. All are located in inaccessible terrain in heavy fuels. The fires are in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas and are on three forests.

On the Lewis & Clark National Forest 15,533 acres have burned, on the Lolo National Forest 203 acres, on the Flathead National Forest 2,889 acres and the Falls Point Fire 281 acres on Lolo National Forest. This makes up a total of 18,906 acres for the current Elbow Pass Complex.

**Yesterday's Activities:** A BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) Team flew the fire area for assessing recovery activities. An aerial assessment of the area was performed. Fire growth was small in the general north and south west area of the fire.

**Today's Planned Activities:** A Fire Use Module (firefighters) have been assigned to the Benchmark Trail Head for fire monitoring and for initial attack as needed. Continue with Initial Attack responsibilities on Forest as requested. Continue structure protection and visitor contacts at Danaher, Basin, Welcome Creek, Pretty Prairie Cabins, and Benchmark Trailhead. Visitor contacts at Danaher Cabin cannot occur as the cabin is within the area closure.

**Recreation Opportunities:** While the Benchmark Road is open, the area is closed beginning a half mile west of the road. Numerous trails will remain closed. Please check with local offices for specific recreation information. Please note that vehicles parked at the trailhead could be at fire risk due to possible future fire activity. The Benchmark Air Strip is closed, the Augusta air strip is open.

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- Augusta Information Station 406-562-3247
- Choteau District Office 406-466-5341
- Seeley Lake Ranger District 406-677-2233
- Spotted Bear Ranger District 406-758-5376